NATURAL NEWS

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WEEKLY STAFF NEWSLETTER
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STAFF MOVIE NIGHTS IN FEBRUARY

The Kaffeeklatsch committee has been preparing for Wednesday movie nights for Museum staff and volunteers in the month of February. These nights will be for staffers and volunteers to come eat, drink, and socialize as well as watch an exciting movie. The first movie will be shown Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. There is ***NO CHARGE*** for the movie and food, but we are asking for a contribution of $1.00/beer and soda. The movies that were chosen are from the responses of the survey in the *Natural News*. The movies are as follows:

- ***FARGO***-February 4
- ***LIAR LIAR***-February 11
- ***THE ROCK***-February 18
- ***PHENOMENON***-February 25

Food will be served outside of Montgomery Ward Hall (ground floor, west door) from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Movies will begin around 6:00 p.m. If you have any of these video tapes available that we can borrow for the night, please contact ***Maria*** in the ***Human Resources*** office (x289). These nights will be a good way to meet others that you may not normally see during the work day. Don't miss out on a chance to be apart of these fun nights.

January 30 Deadline for Accounting

The 1997 Accounting records will be closed as of January 30, 1998. On this date we will complete the Accounts Payable accrual. January 30, 1998 will also be the last day we can accept requests for changes to the 1997 expense records. Therefore, we want to be sure that all staff members are aware that 1997 expense transfers, journal entry adjustments, charges of travel advances and travel expense reports cannot be accepted after January 30, 1998.

Hoops in the Hall

an event highlighting the *Soul of the Game* exhibit

Friday, February 6
6:30 - 11:00 p.m. (Games begin at 7:30 p.m.)
In Stanley Field Hall

Join the **Field Associates** as they transform The Field Museum into a basketball arena.

- Watch the BEST PLAYERS from the street, the board and the playing field
- Munch on pizza, hotdogs, chips, beer and more ...
- Wander through the Soul of the Game photography exhibit profiling LEGENDARY STREET BASKETBALL PLAYERS.

JOHN HUET will be in attendance to sign books -- and the LEGENDARY BASKETBALL PLAYERS featured in his book have been invited to play at the event.

Staff Invited -- Tickets $20 (versus $40 regular admission)

The Field Associates

The Field Associates is a newly-formed group of dynamic young professionals. These individuals are dedicated to promoting awareness of The Field Museum's collections, research and educational programs and to encouraging involvement and support among young adults through a wide range of activities such as: behind-the-scenes programs, recreational events and field trips. Our dedicated members are determined to make the Field Associates the premier group in Chicago for young professionals.

Questions? Call **Cindy Andresen** (x870) or **Stephanie Powell** (x846).

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ENTOMOLOGISTS SURVIVE OPRYLAND

Al Newton, Margaret Thayer, Phil Parrillo, Bill Ballard, and **Zeus Preckwinkle** (all Zoology -- Insects) attended the annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America, held in the sprawling greenhouse-like venue of Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee in December. Though all attendees found navigating around the hotel and conference center a challenge, our delegates all managed to avoid getting permanently lost. Margaret presented an invited paper on staphylinid beetle molecular work (coauthored with Al and Bill) in a symposium titled "Higher Level Molecular Systematics of Coleoptera" and Al had a poster presentation on some of his work in the beetle family Leiodidae. In addition to attending research talks, Bill and Zeus attended valuable sessions on using insects in teaching. Phil had a stimulating time at his first ESA meetings, set up a new research collaboration, and looks forward to presenting work of his own at a future meeting. With the end of the meetings, Margaret finished up her term as chair of ESA's Systematics, Morphology, and Evolution section. Al, Margaret, and Phil also attended the meeting of the Entomological Collections Network immediately before the ESA meeting, where they had a chance to hear about and discuss with colleagues a variety of collection-related topics including database and image management, specimen permit issues, donations and the IRS, and collection management problems and issues facing different-sized collections.

Kate Kelley, who received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago immediately before the ESA meetings, presented a poster reporting on her systematic work on tiger beetles and also served as one of the judges of the student paper competition (which she won last year). At the final business meeting, she was presented with the ESA North Central Branch's Comstock Graduate Award, which included covering her meeting expenses. Kate is about to start an NSF post-doctoral fellowship at Indiana University, and we wish her well as she moves on in her career! **Barry Chernoff** (Zoology) was Kate's Ph.D. advisor, and Margaret Thayer was also on her committee.

NO PEACE FOR SEASE AND REESE AT ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE MEETING

Cap Sease (Conservation) and **David S. Reese** (Anthropology) recently attended the 99th annual meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) here in Chicago. Both were members of the local organizing committee and the opening reception was held in Stanley Field Hall. Cap organized and chaired a session on "Digging Abroad: How to Leave the Site with a Clear Conscience", dealing with the conservation/preservation of excavated archaeological sites. She also chaired the Conservation and Heritage Management Committee and conducted a roundtable discussion on aspects of archaeological field conservation. David, as President of the Chicago Society of the AIA, conducted a roundtable discussion on the work of local societies. He also served on the panel judging the posters and attended the Committee on the Future of Old World Archaeology in Higher Education. While Cap and David enjoyed their multiple contributions to the meeting, they are relieved that it won't be held in Chicago again for several years!

SISTINE CHAPEL RESTORATION DETAILED IN SPECIAL LECTURE

On Thursday, January 8, Academic Affairs hosted a special noon lecture by Professor Giocomo Chiari of the Department of Geology, University of Torino, Italy. Chiari's talk, entitled "The Restoration of the Sistine Chapel: Art and Science," provided a fascinating overview of the cleaning and restoration of the Sistine Chapel. He discussed the use of X-ray diffraction techniques on one section of the painting to determine the color of the original pigment. Chiari's visit was arranged by **Joe Smith** (University of Chicago and Research Associate, Geology). Approximately sixty Field Museum staff, volunteers, and local colleagues attended the talk.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STAFF CHANGES

Several staff changes in Academic Affairs became effective last week: **Lori Breslauer** (x627) continues to manage The Museum's Web site in her position as Project Coordinator/Collections Information and Web Manager (scientists, never fear -- she will also retain legal duties for AA, such as overseeing visas and permits). **Steve Hageman** (x877) is taking on the job of Sponsored Programs Coordinator after a research position in Geology. **Mark Alvey** (x559) has come on board as Academic Affairs Office Manager. **Sophie Twichell** (x494) has moved from Sponsored Programs to become Coordinator of the Natural Products Initiative in ECP. **Lisa Bergwall** (x296) moved from AA to join the Geology Department's elite team of vertebrate fossil preparators. Academic Affairs is pleased to report that **Peter Crane** and **Towanda Simmons** maintain their existing responsibilities and can be reached at the same phone extensions as before.

NATURAL PRODUCTS INITIATIVE

The Office of Environmental and Conservation Programs (ECP) warmly welcomes **Sophie Twichell** and **Gretchen Baker,** who are now heading up the new Natural Products Initiative (NPI) in ECP. Through an initial grant from Abbott Laboratories, NPI will focus on economic and ethno-botany and zoology, and will highlight the interconnections among anthropology, botany, zoology and conservation. Sophie and Gretchen can be reached at their new extensions: Sophie (x494); Gretchen (x847). Welcome!

THEODORE PARKER HONORED

The American Ornithologists' Union has just published a new volume, *Studies in Neotropical Ornithology* Honoring Ted Parker. Parker -- unmatched ornithologist and conservationist -- initiated the Rapid Assessment Program (RAP), which is now implemented by Conservation International and the Field Museum's Office of Environmental and Conservation Programs. Parker's untimely death in 1993 came as a horrible shock to all those who knew him and the many more who knew about him. Ted died in a plane crash in western Ecuador, while conducting field surveys with botanist Alwin Gentry and with local conservationists.

The volume just published includes fifty-one papers on the natural history, conservation,

Tentative list
as of 1/8/98

SOLDIER FIELD

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TENTATIVE

EVENT LIST

DATE	EVENT	TENTATIVE EVENT TIMES	LOCATION	ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE	STATUS
4/4	Fire vs Tampa Bay	7:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F
4/17	Fire vs NY/NJ	7:30pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F
5/2	Fire vs Washington	7:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F
5/9	Fire vs Los Angeles	7:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F
5/13	Fire vs Dallas	7:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F
5/24	Fire vs Colorado	2:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F
5/31	Country Music Fest	noon	Stadium-all lots	15,000	T
6/5-6	Promise Keepers	7:30pm/8:00am	Stadium-all lots	120,000	T#1
6/6	Fire vs Columbus	7:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	T#2
6/1-15	Circus	various	East lot-skybox	1,500 per show	T#3
6/11	Fire vs San Jose	7:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F
6/19-21	Festival Expo	TBD	East lot-fest site	TBD	F
6/24	Fire vs Kansas City	7:30pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F
6/28	US Women vs Germany	5:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F

7/1 Fire vs Dallas	7:30pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F
7/4 Sports Event	TBD	Stadium-all lots	15,000	T
7/11 Concert	6:00pm	Stadium-all lots	30,000	T#1
7/11 Fire vs Miami	7:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	T#2
7/18 Sports Event	TBD	Stadium-all lots	15,000	T
7/26 Viva Fest	noon	East lot-fest site	20,000	F
8/1-2 NHL Breakout	8:00am	South-lower	15,000	T
8/8-9 Pan American Fest	noon	East lot fest site	15/25,000	F
8/8 Fire vs Los Angeles	3:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F
8/15 Concert	6:00pm	Stadium-all lots	30,000	T#1
8/15 Fire vs San Jose	7:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	T#2
8/20-23 Bears	TBD	Stadium-all lots	60,000	C
8/27-30 Bears	TBD	Stadium-all lots	60,000	C
9/6 Bears	TBD	Stadium-all lots	60,000	*T#1
9/7 Chicago Classic	TBD	Stadium-all lots	30,000	*T#2
9/6 Fire vs Colorado	6:00pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	*T#2
9/13 Bears	TBD	Stadium-all lots	60,000	*T#1
9/12 Chicago Classic	TBD	Stadium-all lots	30,000	*T#2

9/17 Fire vs Kansas City	7:30pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F
9/23 Fire vs New England	7:30pm	Stadium-all lots	15,000	F

* These events cannot be confirmed until release of the Chicago Bears regular season football schedule in late April or early May 1998.

T = Tentative no contract has been issued, but substantive discussions have been held or awaiting confirmation of major clients.

F = Firm commitment by client with contract issued or in development.

C = Contract executed.

ATTENTION

PARKING NOTICE

DUE TO THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, ALL EMPLOYEES PARKED IN THE EAST MUSEUM PARKING LOT MUST MOVE THEIR VEHICLES NO LATER THAN THE TIME DESIGNATED FOR EACH EVENT.

EVENT	DATE	MUST MOVE VEHICLE BY:
FOUNDERS COUNCIL PROGRAM	THURS., JAN. 8	5:00 P.M.
HELLER FINANCIAL HOLIDAY PARTY	FRI., JAN. 9	5:00 P.M.
EDUCATION OVERNIGHT	FRI., JAN. 16	4:45 P.M.
EDUCATION OVERNIGHT	FRI., JAN. 23	4:45 P.M.
A. T. KEARNEY PARTY	FRI., JAN. 30	5:00 P. M.

EMPLOYEES WORKING LATER THAN THE TIME DESIGNATED ABOVE MAY RELOCATE TO THE WEST LOT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

distribution, ecology and systematics of Neotropical birds. All papers were written by Ted's friends and collaborators, and many of the papers are projects Ted was working on at the time of his death. Field Museum staff made significant contributions to the volume, with eleven papers authored or co-authored by **Doug Stotz** and **Tom Schulenberg** of ECP, and **Dave Willard, John Bates** and **Shannon Hackett** of the Department of Zoology. Among these eleven papers are three that describe new bird species. Stotz and former Field Museum curator **John Fitzpatrick** describe a new species of flycatcher from the Peruvian Andes, which they named after Ted Parker. Schulenberg, along with Danish ornithologist Niels Krabbe, described three species of tapaculo, one of which also was named after Ted. And Schulenberg, together with Parker, describe another species of flycatcher from Peru, which they named in honor of curator emeritus **Melvin Traylor.** The naming of the flycatcher recognizes Mel's years of contribution to ornithology, and his excellent revision of the flycatcher family published in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

FLYNN AND BUCKLEY FEATURED ON BOZO

Proving that the public just can't get enough of Field Museum paleontologists, the January 4 edition of BOZO on WGN featured an encore presentation of Bozo's visit with **John Flynn** and **Greg Buckley** (Geology) this past summer in conjunction with the "Dino Families" exhibit. We can only assume that the show was re-run due to intense popular demand (the episode's Nielsen ratings have not yet been confirmed).

NOON BALLOON

The Noon Balloon presentation for Tuesday, January 13, 1998 was delivered by **Barry Chernoff,** Associate Curator, Division of Fishes, Department of Zoology, Field Museum. Barry discussed the relationship between a phylogenetic clade and the respective morphometric shape space of the constituent taxa. A comparison of measures of morphological attributes subject to variation within a specific developmental program with an independently derived estimate of the phylogeny was found to account for nearly 95% of the allometric variability. Barry then applied the field deformation tensor, a formula used in continuum mechanics, to develop vector displacement measures of shape transformation. The high degree of congruence between patterns of allometry and phylogeny strongly supports the predictive value of application of these new morphometric tools.

RESCUED! THANKS!

Lori Grove (Geology) wishes to thank **Ron Hall** (AV), **Javier Quezada** (Engineering), and **Charles James** (Engineering) for their smooth and efficient assistance to rescue her from the central elevator when the power went out in the building on January 7. She also wishes to thank **Miriam Alleyne** (Security) for her reassurance and report-taking! Stuck between the second and third floor, the elevator was hydraulically lowered (inch by inch) by Charles and Javier to the second floor where Ron waited with a welcoming hand ... and Lori got her checkbook balanced in the meantime!

FIELD MUSEUM FAN MAIL

The following were received by **Anita Purnell** in Visitor Services:

Thank you for your promptness and care in sending back the cameral that I left at the Museum. It came on Wednesday and was unbroken. I also appreciate your pleasantness on the phone and also that you called me back long distance... I am sending a check for $25 as a donation for the Museum. When I have an opportunity to go to Chicago, I will try to see the Museum again. Thank you.

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I am writing this letter to tell you how thankful I am. My trip to the USA has been exciting and a pleasure for me to see and experience. In Chicago I unfortunately lost my wallet and I want to thank you for returning it to me. I'm glad there are some trustworthy and nice people at the Field Museum of Natural History. Thank you very much.

1998 HEALTH AND BENEFITS FAIR

Thank you to all those who attended the 1998 Health and Benefits Fair on Thursday, January 8. We hope you got all of your benefit questions answered and enjoyed a stress-reducing massage! Following is a list of the raffle prize winners, the prize they won and the company that donated the prize:

Stephanie Stephens, Library	Frisbee, HMO Illinois
Clifford Augustus, Security	Frisbee, HMO Illinois
Bev Gilliam, Visitor Services	Baseball Cap, HMO Illinois
Ernst Pierre-Toussaint, FPO	Canvas Bag, HMO Illinois
Denise Bautista, Housekeeping	Stuffed animal & mug, HMO Illinois
Valerie Gardner, Membership	Stuffed animal & mug, HMO Illinois
James Atkinson, Housekeeping	Golf shirt, HMO Illinois
Sheldon Moy, Maintenance	Jumper Cables, HMO Illinois
Alan Resetar, Zoology	Stuffed animal, HMO Illinois
Howard Langford, Visitor Services	Lettuce Entertain You Gift Certificate, Blue Cross Blue Shield
Barbara Allen, Museum Store	Travel mug, VALIC
Lori Breslauer, Academic Affairs	Umbrella, VALIC
Gretchen Baker, ECP	Umbrella, VALIC
Helen Green, President's Office	Umbrella, VALIC
Michelle Miller, Exhibits	Jazz Record Mart Gift Certificate, Greenspring
Dan Summers, Zoology	Lou Malnati's Gift Certificate, First Commonwealth

BIG WINNERS!!!!!

Anita Purnell, Visitor Services	Portable phone, Cellular One
Stephanie Powell, President's Ofc	Radio and C/D player, VALIC

GRIP STRENGTH WINNERS!!!!!

Female Winner	**Jean Cattell**
Male Winner	**Dan Summers**

Winners of MercyWork's grip strength testing won a back support for their chairs.

Congratulations to everyone!

Remember to return your open enrollment forms **today** even if you are not making changes to your benefits.

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon.

Field Museum Film Set for *Early Edition*

On Monday, January 19; Tuesday, January 20; and Monday, January 26 a film crew will be shooting a segment for the *Early Edition* television series. This show will air on Saturday, February 28, 1998. The Egypt exhibit, Stanley Field Hall, the north entrance, the Library and a third floor corridor will be the settings.

Employee parking in the east lot may be affected. Security will be posting the information. Please call Special Events with any questions. *Thank you* for your patience and cooperation!

Submitted by **Carol Konieczny**

Millennium Moves!

The Chicago Millennium Project moved into its new offices in the fourth floor loft last week and are settling in nicely with two new team members! **Julie Zander** and **Shawn Fielding** joined the team on January 5. Julie Zander is the new part-time public relations coordinator. She has substantial public relations experience and has worked with a number of prestigious museums including MOMA, The American Museum and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Shawn Fielding is the new administrative assistant. Shawn comes to the Museum from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois where he received his degree in sociology and anthropology. His work history includes administrative experience with libraries, archives and a legal firm. Shawn is also (important to note for next year's holiday party) a certified bartender. Please stop by and help us welcome Julie and Shawn.

Submitted by **Bryn Marie Wagner**

Congratulations! Staff Anniversaries in January 1998

John Flynn	Geology	10 years
Veitrice Thompson	Institutional Advancement	20 years
Marilyn Martinson	Human Resources	10 years
Mary Ann Bloom	Education	15 years
Elaine Zeiger	Geology	15 years
Cassandra Redhed	Zoology/Amph. & Reptiles	5 years

Telephone Requests? Problems?

For now, please call **Monique Proctor** (x380) in the Facilities Planning & Operations Office. The plan for the future will be announced in next week's *Natural News*. Thanks for your patience.